

the theory of systematics. I am proud to recognize and honor Professor F. James Rohlf for his outstanding career as a scientist and professor and for all the many accomplishments and services he has provided to the community of biological science.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 139, 140, and 141 on May 4, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall 139, "yea" on H. Res. 600—Congratulating charter schools; rollcall 140, "yea" on H. Con. Res. 380—Recognizing school-based music education; and rollcall 141, "yea" on H. Res. 599—Congratulating the UConn men's and women's basketball teams.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF ITCHE GOLDBERG CELEBRATED ON APRIL 25, 2004

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Itche Goldberg on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Itche is at once a leader, scholar and educator, yet he still remains a student. It is rare to encounter a man who has achieved as much as Itche has, but that is not what truly makes Itche unique. What sets Itche apart from those few who can match his accomplishments is his continued passion to learn, explore and delve further into the subjects he studies. The greatest beneficiary of Itche's work has never been Itche himself, but rather those who have had the pleasure of reading his works and the work he has translated and for the important role he has played in preserving the Yiddish language.

Itche began his path of scholarship in Canada, where he studied philosophy, political economics and German. At the age of twenty, he was already teaching in the Toronto Workmen Circle Folkshul, the first step onto a path of instruction that extended to Philadelphia and New York as well. His lectures have been in both Yiddish and English, covering Jewish culture and literature. From 1970 to 1985, Itche was professor of Yiddish language and literature at Queens College of the City University of New York.

From 1936 to 1951, Itche edited Yungvarg, a Yiddish children's magazine, and others for both parents and teachers. During that time, he wrote many children's stories in Yiddish. Also among Itche's work are numerous Yiddish textbooks he authored, and even more he edited. As Director of the Service Bureau for Jewish Education and the Zhitlowsky Foundation, Itche's mission was to make sure these books were not only produced, but also provided to their target audiences in Jewish secular schools. Itche was also recently awarded the prestigious Raoul Wallenberg medal.

Today, Itche goes to the office every day to ensure that the journal he is editor-in-chief of, Yiddische Kultur, sees continued life. Even after forty years on the job, he remains tirelessly devoted to the endurance of one of the few surviving quality journals published in Yiddish language worldwide.

In a society such as ours, which values hard work, education and culture, Itche Goldberg is priceless. A child wishing to study Yiddish culture can turn to Itche's work at every stage of life; whether it is his children's stories, textbooks, journals or upcoming second volume of essays. Itche is an asset to us all, and I feel privileged to honor him for his profound contributions towards the preservation of Yiddish, and for doing so with such an inspiring passion. Mir shatsn op ayer vunderlekhe arbet l'toyves der yidisher kultur vos hot baraikehert dem gontsn Yidishn yishev. (English Translation "We honor your wonderful work for the benefit of Yiddish culture which enriches all of Yiddish heritage.")

RECOGNIZING LALO ALCARAZ

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lalo Alcaraz, a leader and political activist in the Latino community who exemplifies the best in American journalism today.

For almost 10 years, Mr. Alcaraz has touched the lives of millions of newspaper and magazine readers here in the U.S. and in Mexico. Born in San Diego, CA, in 1964, he grew up near the U.S.-Mexico border with his Mexican immigrant parents—each day sharing two different cultures. He began his journalism career as student at San Diego State University by drawing politically and culturally driven editorial cartoons for the university newspaper. As he gained notoriety among readers across campus, Alcaraz also grabbed the attention of top publishing media syndicates in southern California.

An award winning editorial cartoonist, screenwriter, and journalist, Alcaraz continues to entertain his readers today by skillfully capturing the essence of our country's changing cultural and political landscape. He is the creator of nationally syndicated and hardhitting editorial cartoons that depict pressing issues affecting the Latino community. Published in English and Spanish in publications such as the New York and Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, and Hispanic Magazine, his cartoons include the Latino-themed daily strip La Cucaracha, and Migra Mouse, a satire on Latinos and immigration. Alcaraz is also the co-editor of the satirical magazine Pocho and he is the illustrator of the book Latino USA: A Cartoon History.

Throughout his illustrious career, Alcaraz has been honored and recognized for his exceptional journalistic work. He has received four Southern California Journalism Awards for Best Cartoon in Weekly Papers between 1994–1999. He is also the 1998 winner of the Los Angeles Hispanic Public Relations Association's Premio Award for Excellence in Communications; the 2000 Rockefeller Foundation Multi-Media Fellowship; the 2003 Center for the Study of Political Graphics and the Keep

On Crossin' Awards; and, most recently, the 2004 Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace Award.

Lalo Alcaraz is a loving husband, father and a devoted member of the Writers Guild Union, West. I commend him for his numerous contributions to the Latino community through his journalism career and political activism.

THE PASSING OF ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR RALPH DUNN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Illinois State Senator Ralph Dunn on May 3.

Senator Dunn had a long list of accomplishments during his years as a State Senator, a State Representative and as a member of the Illinois Constitutional Convention—which he described as "the greatest thing I've ever been involved with."

Illinois State Representative Mike Bost said, "He gave me some tremendous advice, even after he left office. He was well-respected and he served his district and his state well. Everybody knew Ralph was a square shooter. I never got in trouble if I followed him."

Du Quoin Mayor John Rednour said, "I always knew the best way to get something done for my town was to call Ralph. He was not only a gentleman, he was a gentle man."

Mayor Rednour, Representative Bost and many others will join together on Friday, May 7th to celebrate the life and legacy of this Southern Illinois giant. There is little doubt that Ralph and his wife Ellen will be watching with their typical mix of pride and humility.

They have earned this moment of recognition as well as our thanks for a lifetime of service to all of us.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LYNDSSEY
LEA TELLER, 2004 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF
LITCHFIELD, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Lyndsey Lea Teller, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Lyndsey is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Lyndsey is an exceptional student at Litchfield High School. Aside from being at the top of her class academically, she possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. She is the Secretary for the National